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LB 496A

a cash fund appropriation.

SENATOR KEYES: Then how do the people of the State of Nebraska ever know how much money that department of government is spending if they take the cash fund when it comes in?

SENATOR WARNER: No, Senator Keyes, under our Constitution, we must appropriate, the Legislature must appropriate funds from cash funds the same as general fund sources or federal funds, for that matter. All must be authorized and appropriated by the Legislature and we merely by LB 496A are providing the authorization for the expenditure of those cash funds.

SENATOR KEYES: How much bigger are they than they were a year ago. Do you have any idea?

SENATOR WARNER: For that agency?

SENATOR KEYES: Yes.

SENATOR WARNER: Oh! I don't recall off the top of my head, Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: But it will remain within the seven percent, won't it?

SENATOR WARNER: The cash fund?

SENATOR KEYES: The cash fund and the gen...other funds, will they remain within the seven percent or are we going to appropriate more money for that department plus seven percent than they got last year?

SENATOR WARNER: I would want to check the figure before I would answer that correct, specifically, rather, Senator Keyes. I can't answer that now. Obviously, there would be some receipts generated from the increased licensing activity so, you know, if you are talking about seven percent as local governments have, that is a seven percent increase in receipts and I would assume there would be a corresponding offset of additional receipts together with increased funding.

SENATOR KEYES: The main reason I am bringing this up is that once upon a time I got caught in the department where I increased the fee and the fee did not go and become the part of the general fund budget but it just went to the